

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A no-tie fishing system comprising:

a fish attractor having an eye, the eye having a generally circular configuration and disposed at an end of a shank, the eye having a distal end disposed adjacent to and permanently spaced from the shank;

a fishing line having a first end;

a permanently formed gap disposed between the distal end of the eye and the shank, the gap sized to allow the fishing line to slide therethrough; and

a sliding loop formed at the first end of the fishing line for releasably engaging the fishing line with the eye of the fish attractor.

2. The fishing system of Claim 1, wherein the fishing line comprises a tippet.

3. The fishing system of Claim 1, wherein the fishing line comprises a leader.

4. The fishing system of Claim 1, wherein the fish attractor comprises a fishing fly.

5. The fishing system of Claim 1, wherein the eye of the fish attractor comprises a first color code, and wherein the sliding loop of the fishing line comprises a second color code, the first and second color codes coordinated for a specific fishing application.

6. The fishing system of Claim 1, further comprising the fishing line having a second end with a fixed loop disposed thereon.

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16. The fishing apparatus of Claim 14, further comprising:

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17. A method for fabricating a no-tie fishing apparatus for a fishing device comprising:

providing a fishing line, the fishing line having a first end; and

5 forming a sliding loop on the first end of the fishing line for releasably engaging the fishing line with the fishing device.

10 18. The method of Claim 17, wherein the step of forming a sliding loop comprises:

forming a first loop with a first end of the fishing line;

15 forming a second loop with the first end of the fishing line, the second loop formed adjacent the first loop;

wrapping the first end of the fishing line through the first and second loops and around a central portion of the fishing line; and

20 drawing the first end of the fishing line away from the first and second loops to form the sliding loop.

19. The method of Claim 17, further comprising forming a fixed loop on a second end of the fishing line.

25 20. The method of Claim 19, wherein the fishing line further comprises:

a first section having a first end and a second end;

30 a second section having a first end and a second end, the first end of the second section releasably engaged with the second end of the first section; and

wherein the step of forming a sliding loop comprises forming the sliding loop on the first end of the first section.

21. The method of Claim 20, further comprising:
forming a fixed loop on the second end of the first
section; and
forming a fixed loop on the first end of the second
section.

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23. A method for forming a no-thread fishing apparatus comprising:

forming a point on a first end of a shank;

forming a barb on the first end of the shank adjacent the point;

forming the first end of the shank into a hook;

forming an eye having a generally circular configuration on the second end of the shank, the eye having a distal end disposed adjacent to and permanently spaced from the shank thereby forming a permanent gap between the distal end of the eye and the shank, the gap sized to allow a fishing line to slide therethrough;

forming a first blocker on the second end of the shank, the first blocker positioned to prevent a fishing line coupled to the eye from sliding off the eye; and

forming a second blocker on the shank, the second blocker disposed between the hook and the first blocker, the second blocker positioned to prevent an attractor attached to the shank from obstructing the gap.

24. The method of Claim 23, wherein forming a first blocker comprises forming a second barb.

25. The method of Claim 23, wherein forming a second blocker comprises forming a second barb.

26. The method of Claim 25, wherein forming a second barb comprises nicking a surface of the shank to form the second barb.

27. The method of Claim 23, wherein forming a first blocker comprises forming a second barb disposed approximately ninety degrees from a plane of the hook.

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30. The method of Claim 23, wherein forming a first
10 blocker comprises flattening the distal end of the eye.

31. A no-thread fishing apparatus comprising:
a shank having a first end and a second end;
a hook disposed at the first end of the shank;
an eye having a generally circular configuration
disposed at the second end of the shank;

the eye having a distal end disposed adjacent to and permanently spaced from the shank thereby forming a permanent gap disposed between the distal end of the eye and the shank, the gap sized to allow a fishing line to slide therethrough;

a first blocker formed as an integral portion of the eye adjacent the distal end to prevent the fishing line from sliding off the eye; and

a second blocker disposed on the shank between the hook and the gap to prevent an attractor disposed on the shank from obstructing the gap.

32. The fishing apparatus of Claim 31, wherein the first blocker comprises a barb.

33. The fishing apparatus of Claim 31, wherein the second blocker comprises a barb.

34. The fishing apparatus of Claim 31, wherein the second blocker comprises a wrapping medium secured to the shank.

35. The fishing apparatus of Claim 31, wherein the eye is formed substantially parallel to a plane of the hook.

36. The fishing apparatus of Claim 31, wherein the second blocker is formed approximately ninety degrees from a plane of the hook.

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